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In re Patent No. 6,941,665
Issue Date: September 13, 2005
Application No. 10/803,627
Filed: March 17, 2004
Attorney Docket No. None

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:DECISION GRANTING PETITION
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f), filed April 25, 2006, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to accept an unintentionally delayed notification of the filing in a foreign country of an application directed to the invention disclosed in the subject application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner indicates that the instant nonprovisional application became the subject of an application filed in a foreign country on July 29, 2004. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country.

In view of the above, this applicant became abandoned pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c), petitioner failed to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to accept an unintentionally delayed notification to the USPTO of the filing of a counterpart application in an eighteen month publication country must be accompanied by:

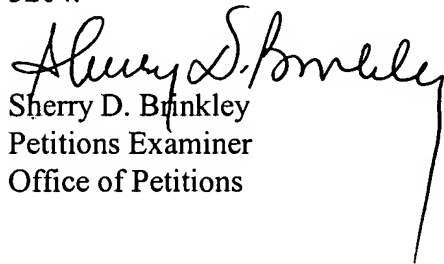
- (1) the required reply, which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application matured into Patent No. 6,941,665 on September 13, 2005. Therefore, no further action being required, this patented file is being referred to Files Repository.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.


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